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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: EXHAUST EMISSION CONTROL DEVICE OF INTERNAL  
COMBUSTION ENGINE  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

BOX Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 20, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicants submit herewith a petition for extension of time making this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows:

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